

THE  
SUR-REJOINDER  
OF  
Mr. Attorney General  
TO THE  
REJOINDER  
Made on the behalf of the  
CHARTER  
Of the CITY of  
LONDON.



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**A**nd the aforesaid Attorney General of our said Lord the King that now is, Who, &c. as to the Plea of them the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City

City aforesaid, as to the making and publishing of the Law for the levying of monies of the persons coming to the publick Markets held within the said City with Viſuals and Proviſions there to be ſold, and the exacting and levying of ſuch monies above ſuppoſed to be made by them the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens above, by rejoining, pleaded for our ſaid Lord the King that now is, ſays, that for any thing by them therein alledged the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes, to be of themſelves one Body Corporate and Politick in Matter, Fact, and Name, by the name of the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London, and by the ſame name to plead and be impleaded, to answer and to be answered by them above as aforesaid claimed, ought not to be allowed to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, becauſe that by proteſting that they the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London, the aforesaid ſeventeenth day of September in the ſix and twentieth year aboveſaid in the aforesaid Replication mentioned, as alſo continually afterwards and from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, were not ſeized, or as yet are ſeized of, and in the publick Markets aforeſaid in their Demefne as of Fee, nor by the whole time aforeſaid at their own charges, have provided, or have been accuſtomed, or ought to provide Market-places, or places where ſuch Markets were to be held, as often as need ſhould be, and Stalls, Standings, and other conveniences for perſons coming to the ſaid Markets with Viſuals and Proviſions there to be ſold, for the better and more convenient expoſing of the ſame to ſale, as the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens above by rejoining have alledged, and proteſting alſo that the aforeſaid Rates by the Act or Ordinance afore-

tionem & publicationem legis pro levatione denariorum de perſonis ad publica Mercata infra Civitat' prædictæ tenent cum viſualibus & proviſionibus ibidem vendendis accedent ad exactiorem & levationem huiusmodi denar' ſuperius fieri ſuppoſit per ipſos Majorem & Communitat' ac Cives ſuperius reſurgendo placitat' pro eodem Domino Rege nunc dicit quod per aliqua per ipſos ſuperius inde allegat' Libertat' privileg' & Franchiſe fore de ſeipſis unum corpus corporat' & politicum in re factio & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat' London ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari reſpondere ac reſponderi per ipſos ſuperius ut præfertur clamat' eiſdem Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus allocari non debent quia proteſtando quod ipſi prædict' Major & Communitat' ac Cives Civitat' London prædictæ decimo ſeptimo die Septembris, anno viceſimo ſexto ſupradicto in Replicatione prædictæ mentionat' nec non continue poſtea & à tempore cuius contrar' memoria hominum non exiſtit minime ſciſit' fuer' ſeu adhuc ſciſit' exiſtant de & in publicis Mercatis prædictis in domino ſuo ut de feodo, nec per totum idem tempus ſumptibus ſuis propriis providerunt ſeu providere conſuever' & debuerunt fora Mercatoria ſive loca ubi huiusmodi Mercata tenent' fuer' quotieſcunque neceſſe fuit & Stallas, Stationes, & alias accommodationes pro perſonis ad eadem Mercata venient' cum viſualibus & proviſionibus ibidem vendendis pro meliori & magis convenient' vendicon' expoſicon' eorundem prout prædict' Major & Communitat' ac Cives ſuperius reſurgendo allegaver' proteſtandoque etiam quod Rat' prædictæ per actum ſive ordinationem prædictæ ut præfertur ſolvi ordinat' prædictæ tempore confeſſionis ordinationis illius



lius & extunc hucusque non fuer' rationabiles, nec adhuc rationabiles existunt, prout iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives superius similiter allegaverunt. Pro placito tamen idem dicti Attorn dicti Domin' Regis nunc Generalis dicit quod per quendam actum in Parlamento dicti Dom' Regis nunc tenent apud Westmonaster' per sepeprales Prorogationes decimo quarto die Februarii, Anno Regni dicti Dom' Regis nunc vicesimo secundo, inter alia inactitat' fuit ad finem quod apti & commodi loci infra dictam Civitat' & Libertat' ejusdem, extra possit & apponantur forent pro reedificand' & custodiend' Mercata ampliori convenientia quam antea fuer' ita quod principales strata non forent impedit' Anglice pestered' & obstruā perinde prout antea consuevit fuit. Et quod Regale Excambium, Gnibald', le Sessions House in le Old-baily & commun' Gaole & Prisione infra predicta Civitat' forent amplificat' & fact' magis commodi pro publicis usu & ornament' Civitatis, & melius securitat' à periculo & casualitate conflagrationis. Et quod atque convenient' distantia, intervall' & circuitus fundi forent relicti inter Regal' Excambium, & alias domos edificand' infra Civitat' predicta quod Major, Aldermanni, & Commun' Civitat' predicta in Commun' Concilio assemblat' impenderent, Anglice, should and might employ, & per Actum predicta Authoritat' fuer' impendere talia loca & portion' Fundi infra Civitat' predicta & Libertat' ejusdem prout per & cum dicti Domini Regis nunc approbation' tunc fuer' vel ante decimum diem Martii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Sexagesimo Nono, forent extraposit' & adjudicat' necessar' & convenient' tam pro pub-

said, so as abovesaid, ordered to be paid at the aforesaid time of the making of that Order, and from thence hitherto were not reasonable, nor as yet are reasonable, as they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens have likewise above alledged. Notwithstanding for Plea, the said Attorney General of our said Lord the now King, says, that by a certain Act in Parliament of our said Lord the now King, held at Westminster, by several Prorogations the Fourteenth day of February, in the Two and twentieth Year of the Reign of our said Lord the now King (amongst other things) it was enacted, to the end that fit and commodious places within the said City and Liberties thereof, might be set out and appointed for the rebuilding and keeping Markets with greater conveniency than before they had been; so that the principal Streets might not be pestered and obstructed thereby as before they had been accustomed, and that the Royal Exchange, Guild-hall, the Sessions House in the Old-baily and the common Goals and Prisons within the said City might be enlarged and made more commodious for the publick use and ornament of the City, and be better secured from the danger and casualty of Fire; and that some convenient distance, interval, and circuit of ground might be left between the Royal Exchange, and other Houses to be built within the said City. That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City, in Common-Council assembled, should and might employ, and by the aforesaid Act they were authorized to employ such places and portions of Ground within the said City and Liberties thereof, as by and with the approbation of our said Lord the King, then were, or before the tenth day of March 1669. should be set out and adjudged necessary and convenient, as well for the

publick Market-places there, as also for the ornament, enlargement, and conveniency of the said Royal Exchange, and other places before mentioned, and every, or any of them respectively; And to the intent that a reasonable satisfaction might be given to the Proprietors, and others, having any Estate or Interest in the grounds and places which had been, or should be set out, taken, and used for publick Market-places; the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, by themselves, or others in that behalf to be appointed and authorized, were to treat, and agree with the Owners, and others interested in the same: and in case of a wilful refusal, or of any such disability or impediment, as in a certain other Act of Parliament, in the said Act specified for the rebuilding of the City of London (lately before made) were mentioned, or of any other incapacity whatsoever in the Owners thereof, or others interested in the same, to treat and agree. The said Mayor and Court of Aldermen should, and were by the foresaid Act authorized and required to cause Juries to be impannelled in such manner and form as by the aforesaid Act it was directed and appointed, so as no two Jurors so to be impannelled, should come out of one and the same Ward to adjudge and assess what recompence and satisfaction in every of the Cases aforesaid ought to be awarded and given to the respective Owners, and others interested in the Grounds and Places so set out, to be taken and employed for any the uses or purposes as aforesaid, in pursuance of the said Act, according to such their respective Estates and Interests. And it was further Enacted, that for all sorts of Coals which from and after the first day of May, One thousand six hundred and seventy, and before the Nine and twentieth day of September, which should be in the Year

*licis Mercatis ibidem, quam etiam pro ornamento amplificatione & convenien' predict' Regal' Excambii, & aliorum locorum pramentionat' & cujuslibet vel alicujus eorundem respective & ad intention' quod rationabilis satisfactio dat' foret Proprietar' & alior' habent' aliquem statum sive interesse in fundis & locis quæ fuissent vel forent extraposit', capiend', & occupand' pro publicis locis Mercatoris predict' Major, Alderman' & Commun' per ipsos vel alios in ea parte fore appunctuat' & autorizat' tractarent & agrearent cum Proprietor' & al' interessat' in eisdem & in casu voluntarie recusationis sive alicujus talis inhabilitatis sive impediment' qual' in quodam al' Actu Parliamenti in eodem Actu specificat' pro re-edificatione Civitat' London, nuper antea fact' mentionat' fuer' seu alius incapacitat' cujuscumque inde Proprietar' inde vel alias interessat' in eisdem ad tractand' & agreand' predict' Major & Cur' Alderman' forent & fuer' per Actum predict' autorizat' & requisit' causare Jur' fore impannellat' in tal' modo & forma prout per Actum predict' direct' & appunctuat' fuit, ita quod null' duo Jur' predict' sic fore impannellat' venirent ex una & eadem Warda adjudicare & assidere qual' compensation' & satisfactio in quibuscumque casibus predict' forent adjudicat' & dat' respectivis Proprietor' & aliis interessat' in fundis & locis sic extraposit' capiend' & occupand' pro aliquibus usibus vel propositis ut presertur in prosecutione ejusdem Actus secundum tal' eorum respectivos status & interese. Et ulterius inactitat' fuit quod pro omnimodis Carbonibus quæ ab & post primum diem Maii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo & Septuagesimo, & ante vicesimum nonum*

of our Lord, One thousand six hundred eighty seven, should be imported and brought into the said Port of the City of London, or the River of *Thames* within the Liberties of the said City, upon the same River, there should be paid by way of Imposition thereupon, according to the Rates hereafter mentioned (that is to say) for all such Coals as should be there imported and brought in from and after the said first day of *May*, One thousand six hundred and seventy, and before the Four and twentieth day of *June*, One thousand six hundred seventy seven, there should be paid for every Chaldron or Tun thereof, two shillings over and above the Imposition of twelve pence the Chaldron or Tun, by the said Act for the Rebuilding the City of *London* appointed to be paid. And for all such Coals which should be there imported, and brought in, from and after the said Four and twentieth day of *June*, One thousand six hundred seventy seven, and before the said Nine and twentieth day of *September*, One thousand six hundred and eighty seven, there should be paid for every Chaldron or Tun thereof three shillings, and the same should by virtue of the said Act be collected, levied, and paid in such sort and manner, in all and every respect, as in and by the said former Act was limited and appointed for the collecting and levying the duty of twelve pence the Chaldron or Tun of Coals imposed by the said former Act, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Directions, and Provisions, in or by the said former Act mentioned or provided for the levying and collecting thereof; all which monies so to be received upon account of the said

nonum diem Septembris, qui foret in Anno Dom. Millesimo Sexcentesimo Octogesimo Septimo, forent importat' & abduat' in predict' Portum Civitat' London, seu Rivum Thamefis, infra Libertat' Civit' predict' super eundem Rivum solut' foret per viam Impositionis, superinde secund' ratas postea mentionat' (videl.) pro omnibus tal' Carbonibus qual' ibi importat' & induat' forent ab & post primum diem Maii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo & Septuagesimo, & ante vicesimum quartum diem Junii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Septuagesimo Septimo, solut' foret pro qualibet Celdar' seu Tonna inde duos solidos ultra Imposition' duodecim denar' pro Celdar' seu Tonna per predict' Actum pro re-edificatione Civitat' London, appunctuat' solvend'. Et pro omnibus tal' Carbonibus qua' ibidem importat' & induat' forent ab & post predict' vicesimum quartum diem Junii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Septuagesimo Septimo, & ante predict' Vicesimum Nonum diem Septembris, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Octogesimo Septimo, solut' forent pro qualibet Celdar' sive Tonna inde tres solidos, & iidem Vigore Actus predict' forent collecti levat' & solut' in tali forma & modo in omni & quolibet respectu, prout in & per predict' priorem Actum fuit limitat' & appunctuat' pro collectione & levatione debet' duodecim denar' pro Celdar' sive Tonna Carbonum imposit' per priorem Actum predict' & omnes & quaslibet potestat' Authoritat', Directiones, & Provision' in vel per predict' priorem Actum mentionat' vel provis. pro levatione & collectione inde. Omnesq; quidem denar' sic  
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recipiend' super comput' prædict' respectivarum Imposition' seu earum alterius de tempore in tempus forent solut' in receptu Camera Civitat' London, & abinde forent emanat' & solut' secundum directionem & appunctuation' prædict' Actus de Anno Vicesimo Secundo supradicto & non aliter. Et prædict' Camera Civitat' London, stare & onerat' fuit cum toto residuo denar' prædict' ibidem solut' qui non sic emanat' forent & solut'. Et ulterius inactitat' fuit quod omnes & qualibet summa & summe monet' quæ levat' foret super reception' sepeal' & respectivarum Imposition' prædict' sive per tal' additional' debit' in casu concealment' inde prout per prædict' priorem Actum appunctuat' fuit foret occupat' & disposit' modo & forma sequen' (videl') una quarta pars omnium denarior' quæ ab & post prædict' primum diem Maii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo & Septuagesimo & ante prædict' Vicesimum Quartum diem Junii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Septuagesimo Septimo forent levat' sive solubil' super reception' prædict' Imposition' duorum solid' pro qualibet Celdar' vel Tonna Carbonum seu in casu concealment' inde ut presertur foret occupat' & disposit' pro & erga satisfaction' pro fundis extraposit' & occupat' pro amplificatione, Stratarum confectio, Wharfarum & Portuum publicorum Mercatorum locorum & aliorum publicum usum tam in Actu ill' quam in Actu præcitat' mentionat' & appunctuat' & quod una medietas omnium denar' qui ab & post Vicesimum quartum diem Junii, Millesimo Sexcentesimo Septuagesimo Sep-

pective Impositions, or either of them, should from time to time be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the City of London, and from thence should be issued out & paid according to the directions and appointment of the aforesaid Act of the Two and twentieth year abovesaid, and not otherwise; and the said Chamber of the City of London should stand and be charged with all the residue of the said monies there paid in, which should not be issued out and paid accordingly. And it was further enacted, that all and every sum and sums of money which should be raised upon the receipt of the several and respective Impositions aforesaid or by such additional duty in case of concealment thereof, as by the aforesaid former Act was appointed, should be employed and disposed in manner and form following, (that is to say) one fourth part of all the monies which from and after the said first day of May, One thousand six hundred seventy, and before the said four and twentieth day of June, One thousand six hundred seventy seven, should be raised and payable upon the receipt of the aforesaid Imposition of two shillings for every Chaldron or Tun of Coals, or in case of concealment thereof as aforesaid, should be employed and disposed of, for and towards the satisfaction for the Grounds set out and employed for enlarging of the Streets, making of Wharfs and Keys, public Market Places, and other public Uses, as well in that Act as in the Act afore-recited, mentioned, and appointed, and that one moiety of all the monies which from and after the said Four and twentieth day of June, One thousand six hundred seventy seven, should be raised



raised or payable upon the afore-  
 said Imposition of three shillings  
 the Chaldron or Tun of Coals  
 from time to time should be im-  
 ployed and disposed for satisfacti-  
 on for the Ground set out and im-  
 ployed as aforesaid, and for such  
 other publick uses and purposes as  
 in that Act and in the Act before  
 recited, were mentioned and ap-  
 pointed, as by the same Act of  
 the Two and twentieth year above-  
 said, amongst other things more  
 at large is manifest, and doth ap-  
 pear. And the said Attorney Ge-  
 neral of our said Lord the now  
 King, Who, &c. for our said Lord  
 the now King, further says that  
 by virtue of that Act, they the  
 said Major and Commonalty and  
 Citizens of the City of London a-  
 foresaid, before the making and  
 publishing of the aforesaid Law,  
 (to wit) the first day of September,  
 in the six and twentieth year of  
 the reign of our said Lord the now  
 King aforesaid, at London afore-  
 said, in the Parish and Ward a-  
 foresaid, had and receivd for Du-  
 ty and Tax aforesaid, of two shil-  
 lings every Chaldron or Tun of  
 Coals brought into the City of  
 London, or the Port thereof, a  
 great sum of money to the purpo-  
 ses aforesaid. And further the said  
 Attorney General of our said Lord  
 the now King, Who, &c. for our  
 said Lord the now King, says that  
 the Mayor and Commonalty and  
 Citizens of the City of London,  
 without any right, title, or autho-  
 rity whatsoever, (the aforesaid pre-  
 mises notwithstanding) the afore-  
 said Thursday (to wit) the said  
 seventeenth day of September in  
 the six and twentieth year of the  
 reign of our said Lord the now  
 King aforesaid, and in their Com-

*timo forent levation' seu solubil'  
 super præd' Imposit' trium solid'  
 pro Celdar' vel Tonna Carbo-  
 num de tempore in tempus fo-  
 ret, occupat' & disposit' pro sa-  
 tisfactione pro fundo extrapo-  
 sit', & occupat' ut presertur, &  
 tal' al' publicis usibus & pro-  
 posit' qual' in actu ill' & in A-  
 ctu prærecitat' fuer' mentionat'  
 & appunctuat' prout per eundem  
 Actum de anno Vicefimo Se-  
 cundo supradicto inter al' plenius  
 liquet & apparet. Et prædict'  
 Attorn' dict' Dom' Regis nunc  
 general' qui &c. pro eodem Dom'  
 Rege nunc ulterius dicit quod vir-  
 tute actus illius iidem Major &  
 Communitas ac Cives Civitat'  
 London prædict', ante conse-  
 crationem & publicationem legis  
 prædict', scilicet primo die Sep-  
 tembris, anno Regni dicti Dom'  
 Regis nunc Vicefimo Sexto supra-  
 dicto apud London prædict' in  
 Parochia & Warda prædict' ha-  
 buer' & receper' pro debito &  
 vectigali prædict' de duobus so-  
 lidis pro qualibet Celdar' sive  
 Tonna Carbonum in Civitat' Lon-  
 don, sive Portum ejusdem im-  
 portat' viginti denariorum sum-  
 mam ad proposita prædict'. Et  
 ulterius idem Attorn' dict' Dom'  
 Regis nunc General', qui, &c.  
 pro eodem D. Rege nunc dicit quod  
 Major & Communitas ac Cives  
 Civitat' London, absque aliquo  
 jure, titulo, sive autoritat' qui-  
 buscumque premissis prædict' non  
 obstantibus prædict' die Jovis  
 scilicet prædict' Decimo Septi-  
 mo die Septembris, anno reg-  
 ni dict' Dom' Regis nunc Vice-  
 fimo Sexto supra dict' in eorum  
 Commun' Concilio adtunc tent' in  
 Camera Guildhall Civitat' Lon-  
 don prædict', videlicet, in Pa-  
 rochia*

rochia Sancti Michaelis Bassi-  
shaw London, insimul assem-  
blat fecer' condider' & publi-  
caver' predict' legem per ipsos  
de facto inactitat' pro levatio-  
ne sepeal' denar' summarum  
predict' de omnibus Subditis ac  
Ligeis Domin' Regis nunc tam  
liberis quam non liberis homi-  
nibus Civitat' predict' & aliis  
extraneis ad publica Mercat'  
infra Civit' predict' tent' acce-  
den' cum Victual' & Provisio-  
nibus suis ibidem vendend' ac  
easdem sepeal' denar' summas sub  
solo colore & pretextu legis  
predict' sic per ipsos pro eorum  
privato lucro & commodo ille-  
galiter fact' & absque aliquo  
alio Jure, Titulo, sive Authori-  
tat' quibuscunque per predict'  
spatium Septem Annorum post  
predict' Decimum Septimum di-  
em Septembris, Anno Vicesimo  
Sexto supradicto prox' sequen'  
& amplius apud London praedi-  
ct', in Parochia predict' de  
omnibus dict' Domin' Regis Li-  
geis & Subditis ad predict'  
publica Mercata per totum tem-  
pus predict' infra Civitat' praedi-  
ct' tent' cum Victual' & Pra-  
visionibus ibidem vendend' ac-  
cedentibus exeger' & levaver'  
& exigi & levari fecer' &  
denar' ill' ad eorum proprios  
usus converterunt & disposue-  
runt in subversion' boni regimi-  
nis & Gubernation' Civitatis  
predict' & in magnam oppres-  
sion' & depauperation' omnium  
dicti Domini Regis nunc Li-  
georum ad Mercata predict' cum  
Victualibus & provisionibus suis  
acceden' & venien' ad grave  
dampnum & nocumentum om-  
nium Ligeorum & Subditorum  
dicti Domini Regis in augmen-

mon Council then held in the  
Chamber of the Guild-hall of the  
City of London aforesaid, (to wit)  
in the Parish of St. Michael Bassishaw  
London, being assembled together,  
made, established, and published  
the aforesaid Law by themselves  
in fact enacted for the levying the  
aforesaid several sums of money of  
all the Subjects and Liege People of  
our Lord the now King, as well  
Free men as not Free men of the  
City of London, and of other Fo-  
reigners coming to the said publick  
Markets held within the said City,  
with their Victuals and Provisions  
there to be sold, and have raised  
and levied, and have made to be  
raised and levied the said several  
sums of money, under the sole co-  
lour and pretence of the Law aforesaid,  
so illegally made by themselves  
for their private gain and profit, and  
without any other right, title, or  
authority whatsoever, by the aforesaid  
space of seven years (after the  
said seventeenth day of September in  
the six and twentieth year aforesaid)  
next following and upwards, at Lon-  
don aforesaid, in the Parish aforesaid,  
of all the Liege People and  
Subjects of our said Lord the King,  
coming to the said publick Markets  
(by the whole time aforesaid) held  
within the said City, with Victuals  
and Provisions, there to be sold, and  
converted and disposed of these mo-  
nies to their own uses, in subversion  
of the good Rule and Government  
of the aforesaid City, and to the great  
oppression and impoverishing of all  
the Liege People of our said Lord  
the now King, resorting and coming  
to the said Markets with their Vi-  
ctuals and Provisions, to the great  
damage and hurt of all the Liege  
People and Subjects of our said  
Lord

Lord the King, to the increasing of the Prices of all Victuals and Provisions sold in the aforefaid Markets, and to the manifest diſheriting of our ſaid Lord the now King, and his Royal Crown, and againſt the Truſt in them repoſed (as in a Body Corporate and Politick) by our ſaid Lord the King, and the Laws of this Kingdom of England, as the ſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the now King, for our ſaid Lord the now King above, by replying, hath alledged. Without that that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, from the time whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary, have had, or have been accuſtomed to have Tolls, Rates, or Sums of money by them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid above ſuppoſed to be aſſeſſed by the aforeſaid Law or Ordinance, and reduced to a certainty, as by the Plea of them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforeſaid above, by rejoyning is ſuppoſed; and this the ſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the now King is ready to aver; Whereupon for that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens for the cauſe aforeſaid, have forfeited the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes, to be of themſelves a Body Corporate and Politick; the ſaid Attorney General as formerly for our ſaid Lord the King, prayeth Judgment, and that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforeſaid, may be convicted of the premiſes aforeſaid, and be forejudged and excluded from their Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes. &c.

And as to the Plea of the afore-

*tation' preciorum omnium Viſual' & Proviſion' in Mercata prædict' vendit' ac in dicti Domin' Regis nunc & Coronæ ſuæ Regiæ exheredationem manifeſtam ac contra fiduc' in ipſis ut Corpore Corporat' & Politic' per Domin' Regem ac Leges hujus Regni Angliæ repoſit' prout prædict' Attorn' dicti Dom' Regis nunc Generalis pro eodem Domin' Rege nunc ſuperius replicando allegavit, abſque hoc quod prædict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis London à tempore cujus contraria memoria hominum non exiſtit habuer' ſeu habere conſuever' tollere, ratas, ſive denar' ſummas per ipſos Majorem & Civitat' ac Cives Civitat' prædict' ſuperius ſuppoſit' fore per præſat' Legem ſive Ordination' prædict' aſſeſſi & in certitudinem reduci' prout placitum ipſorum Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitatis London, prædict' ſuperius reſurgendo ſupponitur. Et hoc idem Attorn' General' pro eodem Domin' Rege nunc parat' eſt verificare unde ex quo idem Major & Communitas ac Cives Libertat', Privileg', & Franchiſes. prædict' fore de ſeiſſis Corpore Corporat' & Politicum ex cauſa prædict' foriſfecer' idem Attorn' General' ut prius pro eodem Domin' Rege nunc per' Judicium, & quod prædict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis London prædict', de præmiſſis convincantur ac de Libertat', Privileg', & Franchiſes. ill' abjudicentur & excludentur, &c.*

*Et quoad placitum præſat' Majoris*



Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat' predict' superius rejungero placitat' quoad resid' predict' placiti prefat' Attorn' General' in assign' forisfactur' ut prefertur superius replicando placitat' idem Attorn' dict' Dom' Regis nunc General' protestando quod predict' Prorogatio dicti Parliamenti per prefat' Dom' Regem fuit pro diversis necessar' & urgentibus causis bonum & utilitatem dicti Domin' Regis & Regni sui concern', & secundum veram & indubitat' Prerogativam & potestatem dicti Domin' Regis nunc, Et per eandem Prorogationem prosecutio publicae Justitiae Regni & preparationis, Anglice the making provisions necessar' pro preservation' dicti Domin' Regis & ejus Subditorum Protestantium non receperunt obstructionem Ang' Interruption, prout per Petitionem predict' per Vota & Suffragia prefat' Majoris & Communit' ac Civium Civitat' predict' in dicto Communi Concilio assemblat' sic ut prefertur ordinat' false & malitiose allegatur pro placito tamen idem Attorn' General' pro eodem Dom' Rege nunc dic' quod placitum prefat' Majoris & Communit' ac Civium Civitat' London predict' superius rejungero in ea parte placitat' materiaque in eodem content' minime sufficien' in lege existunt ad ipsos Majorem & Communit' ac Cives Civitat' predict' ad clamand' Libertat', Privileg' & Franchises. predict' fore de seipsis Corpus Corporat' & Politicum in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Commun' ac Civium Civ' London pred', ac per idem nomen placit' & implacit. respo' & responderi sibi al-

said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid above by rejoining, pleaded as to the residue of the said Plea of the said Attorney General in assigning the Forfeitures as aforesaid above, by replying pleaded, the said Attorney General of our said Lord the now King, protesting that the said Prorogation of the said Parliament by our said Lord the King, was for divers necessary and urgent causes concerning the good and profit of our said Lord the King and his Kingdom, and according to the true and undoubted Prerogative and power of our said Lord the now King, and by the same Prorogation the prosecution of publick Justice of the Kingdom, and the making necessary provisions for the preservation of our said Lord the King and his Protestant Subjects had not received interruption, as by the aforesaid Petition by the Votes and Suffrages of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City in their said Com. Council assembled so as aforesaid ordained, falsely and maliciously is alledged, notwithstanding for Plea the said Attorney General for our said Lord the now King, says that the Plea of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid above, by rejoining in that behalf pleaded, and the matter therein contained, is not sufficient in Law for them the Mayor and Com. and Citizens of the City aforesaid, to claim the Liberties, Privileges and Franchises aforesaid, to be of themselves a Body Corporate & Politick, in Matter, Fact, and Name; by the name of the Mayor & Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid, and by the same name to plead and be impleaded to  
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answer and be answered, to be to them allowed or adjudged, or maintained: And that he the said Attorney General (to that Plea in manner and form aforesaid pleaded) is not necessitated, nor by the Law of the Land bound in any wise to answer for our said Lord the now King; and this the said Attorney General of our said now Lord the King is ready to aver. Whereupon for waite of a sufficient Plea of them the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforesaid in this behalf, the said Attor. General of our said Lord the now King for our said Lord the now King, as formerly, prays Judgment, and that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid, may be convicted of the premises, and be forejudged and excluded from their Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchises.

*locand' seu adjudicand' manuten', Quodque ipse idem Attorn' Gener' ad placitum ill' modo & forma, predict' placitat' pro eodem Dom' Reg' nunc necesse non habet, nec per Legem terræ tenetur aliquo modo respondere. Et hoc idem Attorn' dict' Dom' Regis nunc General' pro eodem Domin' Rege nunc parat' est verificare. Unde pro defectu sufficien' placiti ipsorum Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat' predict' in hac parte idem Attorn' dicti Domin' Regis nunc General' pro eodem Dom' Rege nunc ut prius pet' Judicium, & quod predict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London predict' de premissis convincantur & de Libertat' Privileg' & Franchef. ill' abjudicantur & excludantur, &c.*

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